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January 9, 2006  
Date

  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/075,743 Confirmation No. 1606  
Applicants : Royce Johnson et al.  
Filed : February 14, 2002  
TC/A.U. : 3743  
Examiner: : Kim M. Lewis  
Docket No. : VAC.700.US  
Customer No.: 30159

**Mail Stop Petition**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. BOX 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Petition for Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority**  
**under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(5)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(5), applicants hereby petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application.

The prior-filed provisional application is 60/269,657, filed February 16, 2001 and previously identified in the reply to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004.

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The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee in the amount of \$1,370.00 and any additional fee that may be required, or credit any overpayment made with this Office Action, to Deposit Account Number 500326.

Respectfully submitted,



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